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THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 10) in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 21, 2003.

Applicants traverse the requirement to the extent of requesting that claims in Group II that correspond to allowable Group I claims be reinstated for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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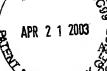
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